NO TRACE OF MAYOR BELCHER.

SEARCH OF PATERSON FRIENDS PROVES UNAVAILING.

Investigation Shows That He Owes \$25,000 -Admirers Make Good All Debts to Trust Companies-Prosecution Improbable-Feared He May Be Demented.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 2.-Although his family and his friends have searched long and earnestly for William H. Belcher, Paterson's missing Mayor, it was admitted to-day that he has disappeared as completely as though the earth had swallowed him. The Mayor owes, according to his friends, \$25,000, \$6,000 of which, according to the State Banking Department, obtained by misrepresentations and fictitious collateral from banks and trust

The Mayor is very popular, and his friends have rallied to his support even in his unexplained absence. They have promised practically to make good every debt he owes. They have already satisfied the trust companies from which he obtained loans on collateral, the nature of which may lead to a forgery charge against him. According to his law partner, A. M. Chalmers, the money has been turned over in cash to these institutions, and most of the bankers express themselves as satisfied.

Despite all this work on the part of his friends toward smoothing the way for the Mayor's return, not one clue as to his whereabouts exists to-night. Late this afternoon several of his friends admitted having fears that he might have killed himself. They based this fear on the fact that for a month the Mayor has not acted

There was a rumor to-day that the Mayor had been found in New York. It wasn't true. His closest friend, George Burke, brother of the Mayor's secretary, went to New York early this morning believing he could find the missing man. Late this afternoon he telephoned Mr. Chalmers, the Mayor's partner, that he had not been successful. Mr. Chalmers has telegraphed to different cities where the Mayor has relatives, but without result. Not a soul among his friends or family has seen Belcher since he boarded a trolley car Monday morning bound for Singac, near his home. Nobody remembers seeing him on

What makes the Mayor's disappearance more inexplicable is the fact that he knew that that very afternoon his friends were to have a meeting and come to his support. Had he appeared at that meeting Paterson would have been saved from scandal. Desperate efforts were made last night to keep the scandal quiet, representative citizens even getting the heads of the newspapers here at a conference to agree to print nothing of the matter. Not a Paterson paper contained a line about it until

Mayor Belcher, it appears, has been a busy borrower for ten years. For what purpose he borrowed so much is one of the mysteries of the case. His friends think he may have been speculating. He has been closely identified with the business life of Paterson, and it is said many banks have lent him money on his personal note. He has been vice-president of the Silk City Trust Company for years until last night when he was deposed.

His principal business connection, however, outside of his law business, which was small, was the Manchester Building and Loan Association, of which he is presi-

dent. He founded this seventeen years ago. Lately in order to get money, the Mayor has been putting up as collateral his passbooks in this company. According to bankers, such collateral has been counted as gitted ed. But, in order to be of any value, these books have to be attested by the association's secretary.

According to the figures given out to-day the Mayor borrowed \$5,300 from the German-American Trust Company, \$1,600 from the (itizens Trust Company, \$8,000 from the Hamilton Trust Company \$8,500 from the Silk City Safe Deposit and Trust Company and about \$6,000 from the Paterson National Bank. For part of these loans he gave notes, considered good, and stoc; which he owned in the Silk City Safe Deposit and Trust Company. The rest of the collateral consisted of the pass books.

What the banking officials discovered when they came to examine these books was that alterations had been made in them crediting Belcher with more shares than he owned. In one case, it is said ten shares, representing \$2,000 were credited whereas the amount should have been one share, a cipher apparently, having been added. In another case an entry had been made to the effect that a loan on the book from the association to Belcher had been

All of these entries bore the attestation of Secretary Allee apparently, but Mr. Allee denied to the officials that they were his signatures and showed them that the entries were fraudulent. This reduced the value of the books as collateral to the extent of \$2,400 in the case of the German-American Trust Company, about \$1,200 in the case of the Citizens' Trust and \$1,500 at the Hamilton Trust. In the case of the \$6,000 loaned by the Paterson National, it is said, the collateral was all in stock and notes, sufficient to more than repay it. The Silk City Trust Company for its loans holds two mortgages on the Mayor's property for \$6,500 and a note for \$1,157.

In addition to these loans the Mayor was said to be indebted to the Euilding and Loan Association \$5,000 and, ac cording to his partner, he has received personal loans from friends amounting to \$5,000 possibly. When the authorities confronted Mayor Belcher last week with the results of their examination the Mayor is said to have admitted them. They gave him a chance to go around among his friends and it was then that the meeting on Monday was

The Mayor has a summer home at Midvale, twenty miles from here. He left his home early Monday morning, spent so me time in his office here and then departed. His wife expected him back that night, and his carriage was waiting for him at the station. She has received no word from

There was \$75,000 raised in this office at the meeting," said Mr. Chalmers to-day, and all we needed was the Mayor. One man appeared with \$100,000 to help him out with if necessary. All I can say is that a dozen of his friends, despite his absence. to-day have got together and have put up enough to satisfy the trust companies. The money has aleady been paid. They stand ready to pay all the other debts

in full if required

Mayor and tell him everybody is satisfied, No man has better friends. I do not believe that he is a forger and will not believe t until the secretary of the association makes oath that his name has been forged. The bankers know his signature and it is absurd to believe that they could be de-

Prosecutor Emley hurried back from his vacation to-day and, upon receiving the report of the State Bank Examiners regarding the alleged forgeries, wrote a etter to all of the institutions, informing them that the report was to the effect that the Mayor had borrowed money on collateral some of which was fictitious, and upon misrepresentations. He requested the banks to give him any evidence they might have and advise with him as to the proper course to pursue.

"If the banks are not sufficiently interested," said Mr. Emley, "to make a complaint, I do not feel it is up to me to initiate one. At the same time to say that they had been satisfied by payments made by his friends will not be an answer to my letter. Any evidence I may get will be laid before the Grand Jury in September. It is up o the bankers.

With one exception, the bankers have declared to-day that they were satisfied. They insisted that they had always been satisfied that everything was good. Not one of them seemed to be disposed to make any trouble for the Mayor. The president of the German-American Trust Company said that he wasn't satisfied, but expected to be shortly. He said he believed it was up to the Banking Department to make a complaint.

That the city had suffered in any way was absolutely denied to-day. Owing to the Mayor's absence, the city is without an official head, and will be for ten days, as that time must elapse before the President of the Board of Aldermen can assume the duties of Mayor.

Comptroller Donahue in the meantime is sitting on the "lid." He announced to-day he would pay out no money on anybody's order until the time elapsed. Last Friday the Mayor signed \$110,000 of bonds. He also vetoed a much discussed franchise. showing, his friends, Democrats and Republicans, say, that he was honest. Scores of them waited about the City Hall for an appearance of the Mayor, and showed personal grief at his non-appearance.

The fact that he is the only Republican officeholder shows his popularity. No one would say a word against him to-day. According to his partner, the Mayor for

a month has acted queerly. Mr. Chalmers said that several times recently he had called up his own office on the telephone to ask Mayor Belcher was in. His friends all believe that financial troubles were preving on his mind.

Mayor Belcher is about 50 years old. He married his second wife about two years ago. She is reported to be almost prostrated at their country home at Midvale. All day long she has been calling on the telephone to ask if her husband has been found The Mayor has two grown children by his first wife, a son and a daughter. They both live here. The Mayor has not been a high liver in any sense. He lost heavily in the collapse of an ice company a few years ago, but even that fact does not clear up the mystery as to his necessity for all the money he has borrowed.

SICK MAN FELL OUT OF AUTO. Trained Nurse and Other Women With Him -Names Concealed

As an automobile made a sharp turn into West End avenue from Seventy-second street yesterday afternoon a man who the seat and struck his head on the pave ment. The driver stopped the auto, and three women who had been in the back seat jumped out and carried the man to a grass plot in the middle of the street There was no sign of a cut on the man's head nothing but a bump, but blood streamed from his ears and nose. One of the women, who said she was a trained nurse, and acted like one, bathed the man's head and stopped the flow of blood. He was unconscious for a time, but she finally revived him.

He first told Policeman Maher of the West Sixty-eighth street station that he was William Smith, a retired merchant, living at the Imperial Hotel. "Don't say that; say the Waldorf," said

one of the women. "Yes, that's right, the Waldorf," said

The women said they were Mary Jones and Mary Stewart of the Waldorf and Mary Smith, a trained nurse. They would say nothing about the man, except that he was in invalid and had just left a sick bed. The machine had been hired from the

Gotham Automobile Company. The driver, George Gray, refused to tell Policeman Maher where he had got the party. He said that as the auto turned the corner the man grabbed at the seat, which slipped and he went off.

An ambulance took the injured man to Roosevelt Hospital. There the doctors thought his skull had been fractured. The women followed to the hospital in the auto mobile and soon took the man away with

At the Waldorf-Astoria and Imperial hotels no one knew of Smith or the women

FAIRBANKS MAKES A HIT. Crowds at the St. Mary's Ship Canal Cele bration Find Him Genial.

and none of their lodgers had been hurt.

SAULT STE. MAKIE, Mich., Aug. 2.-Naval and military parades were the features to-day of the celebration of the semi-cen tennial of the opening of St. Mary's Ship Canal. Vice-President Fairbanks was the guest of honor, and when he rode through the lock on the Tuscarora, the flagship of the naval parade, with Gov. Warner, Senator Burrows and Con gressman Young of Michigan he was cheered by thousands who lined the banks of the canal.

The military parade was held in the afternoon. Vice-President Fairbanks rode with Gov. Warner in a carriage and they were cheered by 10,000 people. Two receptions were held by the Vice-President and the Governor, one this afternoon and the other to-night. After the reception to-night the Vice-President and the Governor boarded a steamer and viewed fireworks displays on both sides of the river. In the naval parade he stood on the bridge of the Tuscarora bowing right and left. He was a genial handshaker.

To-morrow there will be speeches by Vice-President Fairbanks, Gov. Warner, Senator Burrows and Solicitor-General Lemieux, who represents the Canadian Government at the festivities. afternoon. Vice-President Fairbanks rode

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MRS. MACKAY WINS IN A WALK.

ONE VOTE BEHIND HER ALLY THE LIVERYMAN.

Election Disputed on the Ground That Some of the Votes Were for "Katherine" and Some for "Mrs. Clarence" -Jane Verity, Aged 94, a First Voter.

ROSLYN, L. I., Aug. 2.-Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay was elected school trustee of Roslyn to-day. Her running mate, John F. Remsen, beat her by one vote, so that her victory was not quite unqualified. Dr. P. D. Leys, the third candidate, in a twoout-of-three election, was nowhere. The victory is not without its aftermath, for Dr. John Bogart, president of the Board of Education and manager of Dr. Leys's campaign has disputed the election on a list of counts as long as the moral law. Thus ends a campaign full of wire pulling. The final vote was Remsen, 254; Mackay,

253; Leys, 83.

The pot has been seething for some time. It was given out just after Mrs. Mackay's annual lawn party to the children of the region that she was to be a candidate for one of the two places on the Board of Education. Mrs. Mackay had a great many ideas about the Roslyn school, in most of which she was opposed by the present board, upon which Dr. Leys has sat time out of

She believed that the school was without adequate sanitary conveniences, that the instruction was behind the times, especially in the matter of manual training. and that the town ought to have high school instruction. To impress these views on the people of Roslyn she had an expert come down, look over the field, and tell the school board that she was perfectly right. Augustus S. Downing, third assistant commissioner of education, embodied these views in a letter which, published just before the election in the Roslyn News, was a thorn in the flesh of Drs. Bogart and Leys, who believe that the school is good enough without any of those new fangled ideas.

To-day Mrs. Mackay had retired to Saratoga, to await with confidence the outcome. Remsen sat in the door of his livery stable and kept away from the polls. Not so Dr. Leys. He stationed himself in the door of the schoolhouse where the polls were set up, and handed out to every one passed a ballot marked for himself Mrs. Mackay. Dr. Leys is an old gentleman with benevolent spectacles and long white beard and mustache, which he milked violently all day whenever he saw any of the opposition voters driving up in a Remsen free rig. Dr. Leys ex-plained that he put Mrs. Mackay's name on his ballots because he rather preferred her to Remsen, whom he considered as a person led astray by political ambition. The names of Mr. Remsen and Mrs. Mackay appeared on the ballots handed out by their friends. Every Remsen rig was in requisition; the casual visitor to Roslyn had to foot it.

It was seen from the first that there was going to be a vote breaking all records. Men, women and escorting children began to roll in almost as soon as the polls opened in the morning.

Early in the day Clarence H. Mackay himself scorohed up in his automobile, passed his wife's supporters with a pleasant nod and went into the polls. He greeted Dr. Leys cordially.

"I guess I know how you are going to vote." said Dr. Leys. "I guess I do," responded Mr. Mackay.

ticket and hurried to the station to join his

andidate. Before 1 o'clock the highest record for school election was broken. The highest number of votes in a previous election stood at 160. Now the 200 mark was long passed And still they came. A thrill of excitement ran down the village street when a vellow log cart drove up with Mrs. Jane Verity, he oldest inhabitant, and grandmother of Phineas Seaman, the constable. Mrs. Verity is 94 years old and never thought of doing such a thing as voting before. But her grandson has been at her for a week, and n Monday she promised to vote if the

to her promise. "I never thought I'd vote before I died," said Mrs. Verity as she dropped a ballot or the candidate of her sex

day was not too hot. Seaman held her

Just as the polls were about to close he yellow dogcart drove up again with more of the Verity family-Mr. and Mrs. Frank, grandson and granddaughter-inaw of Mrs. Jane. Mrs. Frank Verity was dressed in a green summer gown for

the occasion. "Hurry up!" yelled the Mackay suporters as the couple alighted.

Mrs. Verity gathered her skirts and sprinted—too late. When she was half way across the hall, the gavel of Election Judge Craft fell, and the polls were closed. Perhaps if it had not been for the green dress, Mrs. Mackay might have had two

more votes. When the judges fell to counting, no one doubted the result except Dr. Leys, and he looked apprehensive. When they told him that out of a total of 304 voters he had received only 83 votes, he chewed his beard for a while. He was sitting in the kindergarten com, where he had set up headquarters

to await the returns. "I'm up against it," he said at length.

That shows what a woman can do. Dr. Bogart, however, was militant. He trode straightway into the office of the judges and lodged a protest on two acounts. In the first place, Mrs. Mackay had been called "Katherine Mackay" on the Leys ballots, while on the Remsen-Mackay allots she was down as "Mrs. Clarence Mackay."

"These may be one and the same person, he said, "but we have no legal means of knowing that."

In the second place, the Leys ballots had shown distinctly the legal title of the office, while the ballots of the opposition were headed only "For school trustee." There were other clauses in the protest,

but these were the main ones. The judges

promised to take the matter under consideration and report at the meeting of the trustees on Tuesday night. Then Dr. Bogart sat down and wrote a hot open letter to Third Assistant Com-missioner of Education Downing, who wrote the letter commending the Mackay reforms. After declaring that the school

perfectly sanitary, the letter goes on to intimate that Mr. Downing's letter was a plain campaign document and therefore out of place. A TRAIN FOR CONVENIENCE & COMFORT.

DITCHED A TRAIN TO SAVE IT. Towerman With Ten Seconds to Think

Makes the Best of a Mistake. INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 2 .- Realizing that a mix-up of signals at the lake Shore and Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad crossing at Kendallville would lead inevitably to a collision between the Lake Shore flier and an excursion train on the Grand Rapids and Indians, the tower operator at Kendallville purposely threw the switch last night so that the excursion train was derailed

before reaching the crossing. Within a moment after the excursion train went into the ditch the Lake Shore flier came thundering along at the rate of fifty miles an hour and, but for the ditching of the excursion train, would have struck it squarely on the crossing. Five passengers on the excursion train

were slightly injured, and Engineer Hodge was seriously, if not fatally, hurt. The engine and three coaches went into the ditch, but the train was not going very fast, and this fact saved the lives of the passengers, the only ones injured being in the smoker. Engineer Hodges of the excursion train says that he saw the target in his favor as he approached the crossing; but he slackened his speed in order to make a stop at a near by station. When within only a few hundred feet of the crossing the target was suddenly turned against him, and the next instant the train went into the ditch. He says it could not have been more than ten seconds before the Lake Shore flier was upon the crossing, and, had his train proceeded according to the first signal, he would have been caught squarely on the crossing, with the certainty of the sacrifice of many lives.

MANIA FOR PEARLS BESETS HER. Mrs. Hamilton Wickes Cary, Formerly

Miss Bostwick, Declared Insane. A Sheriff's jury decided vesterday that Mrs. Hamilton Wickes Cary is not competent to manage her affairs and should have a committee appointed to manage her person and estate. Mrs. Cary lives at 801 Fifth avenue, and Mrs. Carv's mother. Mrs. Jabez A. Bostwick, lives next door. Mrs. Cary was socially prominent for some years until of late, when her condition has required her constant care at the hands of a staff of nurses. She has an income of \$50,000 a year and considerable property

Mrs. Cary's mother, and her brother, Albert C. Bostwick, testified before the Sheriff's jury and the lunacy commissioners that she had been the victim of alcoholic craving for some years, and that her present condition was pitiable. She was too weak to be brought into court. Mrs. Cary's weakness leads her to a passion for jewelry, especially for pearls, of which she is said to have a colection valued at nearly \$300,000. When ever she sees a piece of jewelry that takes her fancy she becomes imbued with a desire

Dr. George Montague Smith, Mrs. Cary's physician, testified that she was in his opinion incurably insane, owing to excessive indulgence in drugs and liquors. The nurses who have been attending her gave similar testimony. Application for he appointment of a committee will be made to the court in the next few days.

DRINK CURE MAN MISSING.

Oppenheimer Institute Has Police Send Out an Alarm.

Charles R. Higgins, the superintendent of the Oppenheimer Institute, is missing. and the police have been asked to look for him. He left the institute at 159 West Thirty-fourth fore noon, saying that he would return in little while. He has not been seen since. The managers of the institute made a wo days search for him on their own hook and then decided to ask the police to help. Higgins returned from a three weeks vacation two days before he disappeared. He had been in the Adirondacks and was in excellent health. His wife, who is in a

him since she returned from the Adirondacks with him. Thomas Murray, the manager of the Brooklyn branch of the institute, had general alarm sent out from Police Headquarters yesterday. Higgins is 53 years old. 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, has black hair and mustache, mixed with gray, and wore a mixed gray

sanatorium on Long Island, has not seen

suit. low cut shoes and straw hat. Higgins has been superintendent of the drink cure institution for five years. He handled considerable money, but an official of the institute said yesterday that his accounts were all right. He was not a drinking man. He lived for the most part at the main office of the institute.

"M'MANUS WINS THE DAY.

If You Must Beat a Horse, Do It in the Fifteenth Before the Primaries.

Eddie McManus, the brother and general utility man of The McManus, not only got head of his brother's rivals for the leadership of the Fifteenth district in bailing out William Carroll, a driver, of 516, West Thirty-ninth street, who was arrested on Tuesday night for whipping a horse, but he appeared in his behalf in the West Side court yesterday and got his man turned out. William Foster of 347 West Fifty-fifth

street, the complainant, said that Carroll had a load of lumber reaching almost to the elevated railroad structure, which his horses could not pull, and that Carroll was

besting one horse unmercifully.

"Your Honor," spoke up McManus,
"this man had three horses to the load,
which was not very heavy."

"How heavy was it?" asked the Magis-

trate.

"Five tons," said Eddie.

"Well, is that much for three horses to pull?"

"Certainly not," said the impromptu counsel. "Four tons is a good load for two horses, so five tons can't be too much for three."

"Looks reasonable," said the Magistrate.
"I guess your horse needed the whip. They do sometimes. Is that so?"

Carroll said it was so and the Magistrate let him go.

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let him go.

"There's one vote they won't get," said
Eddie, with a smile. "They are all dead
ones, anyhow."

Then he walked out arm in arm with

Secretary Shaw Here, but Not Looking for a Job.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw same here from Washington yesterday, and went back last night, He called on Collector Stranahan at the Custom House. The Secretary said he came here on official business. He denied that the presidency of a large financial institution in this city

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WARNS CZAR OF HIS DANGER

IGNATIEFF SAYS THERE MUST BE REAL REFORM OR REVOLUTION.

Emperor impressed, and It is Officially Announced That the Boulyguine Plan Will Be Revised-Fereign Minister Lamsdorff Wants Minimum Reform Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

St. Peressuro Aug. 2-Count A P. Ignatieff, who had just returned from a cour of inspection in South Russia, has proved to be the man of the day at the Peterhof conferences. Far from justifyng his reputation as a stubborn reac ionary, he advocated the widest possible measures of reform and their speediest introduction. He supported his arguments with facts gathered by him on his our, which he presented with force and

He declared that the Romanoff dynasty and family were in danger. He stated that if M. Boulyguine's scheme were adopted in its present form Russia would infallibly enter upon a period of catastrophes, compared with which those previously experienced and the ordinary revolutions of the nineteenth century would be child's

When Count Ignatieff ceased speaking the debate suddenly stopped. The Czar adjourned the meeting, and ordered the Official Messenger to be kept open for an official declaration. In the afternoon the Messenger issued an extra edition stating that the Boulvguine project would be subjected to strict revision.

The debates at the conferences have been keen throughout. Among the most outspoken advocates of limiting reforms to a minimum are M. Pobiedonostseff, Procurator-General of the Holy Sy nod, Court Minister Freedericks and Count Lamsdorff. Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Czar, Grand Dukes Michael, Vladimir and Alexis and a majority of the conferees favored reforms.

The conferences are for the purpose of finally considering the Government's project for a national assembly.

HER SUITOR A THIEF. Nabbed by Detectives Who Followed Her to Find Him.

An estimable young woman of South Brooklyn, to whom John D. Carmichael had been paying attentions, met him yesterday at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge and at the same moment a Pinkerton man and a police detective, who had been following her to find him, nabbed

Carmichael is Frank W. Storer of Montreal. Last January he got a job there with the Dominion Express Company. He resigned about May 1, and the company alleges that \$2,000 in cash and as much more in indorsed checks that had been given him to deposit in bank for the company went into his pockets instead. It is said that the checks as they came back to the drawers furnished the clues by which

Storer was traced. Storer is a big, good looking fellow, 22 years old. At Police Headquarters, the police say, he confessed everything, exnerating the other clerks in the Montreal office. The company has attached \$650 in a savings bank here, deposited in the name of Carmichael.

GIRL MAY DANCE IN HER HOME.

If a girl wants to dance in her own home and people stop in the street to see her the janitor has no right to make it unpleasant for the girl's family Magistrate Mayo decided in the Harlem police court yesterday. Anton Pouch, who rules the apartment house at 24 Central Park West

s the janitor who was rebuked. One of his tenants is Anton Fuerst, the leader of the Harlem Opera House orchestra. He has a daughter, Helma, 18 years, who danced in the "Humpty Dumpty company last season. The janitor objected to the girl dancing and annoyed the Fuersts so much that the orchestra leader got a summons from Magistrate Mayo.

Pouch told the Magistrate that the girl who lived on the ground floor, began dancing at 9 o'clock in the evening, dance d for an hour and then went out into the street and danced some more. It high kicking that attracted a crowd, he

said. The tenants complained, and he had to complain to the Fuersts.

Fuerst said that the only dancin g done by his daughter was a few nights ago, when there was a band concert in Mount Morris Park. Then she did a little fancy dancing and some persons who were passing supposed. and some persons who were passing stoppe

and some persons who were passing swopped to see it.

"It was just like this," said Helma, who was in court. Then she lifted up her dresses and began to dance on the bridge, but before she had executed many steps the court officers had stopped her.

The Magistrate ordered Pouch to discontinue calling the Fuersts names or annoving them.

annoying them. MISSOURI SENATORS' PRICE. Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Lee Says It Was \$1,000

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug 3 .- Ex-Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee, the principal witness for the prosecution in the trial of State Senator Frank H. Farris for bribery, was on the stand to-day in Jefferson City. Lee told

this morning of the bribes which, he says, Farris demanded for the members of the committee that was to kill the alum repeal The actual trial of Farris, Senator from Crawford county, began this morning in the Cole county circuit court. The case had occupied the time of the court for two

had occupied the time of the court for two days, but only with preliminaries, and it was not until this morning that the actual taking of testimony began.

Lee said he had appointed the Senate Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, and named Farris as one of the committee. When the alum bills were introduced, he talked with Senators to urge them to vote against the bills repealing the law prohibiting the use of alum. He spoke to Farris about it, and Farris said he would consider it.

it.

"Shortly afterward," he said, "after I had canvased the Senate against the bill. Farris came to my office and suggested it would be very easy to prevent the passage of the bill through the committee. I asked how, and he said the committee need not report it. I said it would be better to let it be voted on in the Senate. He said smothering the bill would be better.

"He said it would take \$7,000 to kill the bill, \$1,000 each for the senators of the committee, except Dowell, who was not acting with him, the seventh thousand for Senator Haynes, who introduced one of the bills."

Dewey's Santérne and Dry Moselle Wines Are most satisfying in Summer Weather, H. T. Dewey & Sone Co., 130 Fullon St., New York. LIGHTNING BURNED HIS MONEY. Bolt Consumed \$200 and a Purse in Ital-

ian's Hande, but Did Him No Harm TARRETOWN, Aug. 2.—During a thunder storm this afternoon Louis De Biasto was sitting on his piazza counting his money, preparatory to a trip to Italy. A terrific when he recovered his sight his pocketbook and money were missing. The lightning had struck the pocketbook and burned up the money, and yet De Biasto's hands were not even scorched. There was about \$200 in the pocketbook, representing several years savings.

LINERS SEE DOOMED POLAR BEAR Bound for the Gulf Stream on an leeberg

-Caronia in Electrical Sterm. A big. lonesome Polar bear drifting north east on a little but solid iceberg, was observed off the Banks on Sunday afternoon by the officers and passengers of the Cunarder Caronia, in yesterday from Liverpool. The berg was felt before it was seen. The emperature, which had been at 82 degrees, began to fall about noon, when the berg was invisible. The mercury had dropped to 53 degrees when the iceberg was abeam of the ship, less than an eighth of a mile away, and the bear, which was walking about the base of the berg, could be seen plainly without the aid of glasses. The berg was 90 feet high and about 200 feet long, and the

bear was well, a very big bear, indeed, The White Star liner Oceanic also passed the iceberg a long distance off, but the bear could be seen even from her with the sid of glasses, not of the sort that are handed over the bar.

Just after the iceberg and the bear had sunk below the horizon, both bound to destruction in the warm current of the Gulf stream a flerce electrical storm hit the Caronia. Capt. Warr and the passengers who were on deck say more lightning was discharged from the inky clouds than they ever before had seen on land or sea.

SKINNED, SAYS SCOTTY. He's Homeward Bound in Just One Pull-

man Seat. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 2.-Walter Soott, the Death Valley miner, passed through Kansas City this morning. He used one seat in a Pullman car on the California limited train on the Santa Fé and occupied

one place when in the dining car. "Wouldn't that jar you?" he said. diamonds outside for me. Didn't New York get my dog and about everything else that was layin' 'round loose? skinned me."

MORE INSURANCE PROBERS. Commissioners of Western States Coming

Here to Look Around. CHICAGO, Aug. 2 .- The insurance commissioners of at least four States will go to New York on Aug. 10 to begin an investigation on their own account of the affairs of the big life insurance companies of New York. A secret meeting of insurance commissioners representing Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee was held here to-day.

Deferred dividends, national versus State supervision of life and kindred topics were discussed by the commissioners. were of the opinion that immediate action should be taken by trustworthy insurance examiners of Southern and Western States

The commissioners who were appointed to go to New York were those from Tennessee, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The other commissioners Ruling by Magistrate Mayo Rebuking an will be unable to leave their respective

on Aug. 10. W. J. BRYAN, JR., ILL.

Has Septic Poison in the Knee and His Condition is Berious.

WINONA LARE, Ind., Aug. 2.- William Jennings Bryan, Jr., who was here for ten days with the Culver Cadets, was last evening taken to the Presbyterian Hospital at Chicago. He has septic poison in the knee and is said to be in a serious condition. Efforts to find his father by telegraph were unsuccessful, as he is on a lecture tour

and the boy did not know where he was.

COACH GOES OVER A CLIFF. Three Passengers Boad, Seven Hurt—Yellewstone Park Driver Drunk.

Copy, Wyo., Aug. 2.-Word has been received here of a fatal accident which occurred in the Yellowstone National Park. A drunken driver with a six horse coach, A drunken driver with a six horse coach, loaded with tourists, drove over a precipice. The entire outit went to the bottom of the cliff, killing three passengers and injuring seven others. No details beyond the report as given above brought here by a runner can be ascertained, as no telephonic communication exists with the eastern part of the park.

BOYCOTT GAMBLERS ON KAISER. Nebedy Would Sit In With Two Chevallers With Allages.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, in yes terday, was delayed more than a day in the Solent by a heavy fog. She had two pro-fessional gamblers aboard, and Capt. Cup-pers posted a warning in the smoking room when he heard about them. Only bridge when he heard about them. Only bridge was played on the trip, and the protessionals, who were under assumed names, but were soon well known, did not get a chance to play. Betting on the ship's runs was all that was left open to them, and they did not win at that. The biggest pool

FATALLY BURNED AT PRAYER. Rising From Knees, Weman's Hat Touche

Gas Jet and Is Ignited. Annie Laubeck, 20 years old, a servan employed by Borough President Joseph Cassidy of Queens was fatally burned in her room on the top floor of the dwelling 59 First street, Long Island City, Tuesday

ning and died in St. John's Hospital yesterday.

The young woman had gone to her room to put on her hat. She then knelt in prayer and as she arose her large straw hat took fire from the gas jet and the burning straw, desproing. set fire to her dress. While dropping, set fire to her dress. While prompt aid was rendered the young woman was badly burned about the body, arms and head before the fire in her clothing could be extinguished.

TROLLEY CRASH INJURES THREE. Driver's Skull Crushed Passenger's Head

Cut and His Wife's Log Broken. A wagonload of empty mineral water bottles was struck by a trolley car at Eighty-

bottles was struck by a trolley car at Eightysixth street and Bay Twenty-first avenue,
Bath Beach, yesterday afternoon. Ash
Danne, the driver, was thrown on his head.
His skull was fractured and he was taken
to the Norwegian Hospital.
Joseph Monamara and his wife, who
were on a front seat in the car, were thrown
off. Monamara's head was out and his
wife's leg broken. They were taken to the
Norwegian Hospital.

CZAR'S ENVOYHERE

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Witte in Formal Statement Says He Hopes for Peace.

RUSH FOR HIM AT THE DOCK

To Add to Mixup There His Hansom Gives Up in Street.

Distinguished Russian Begins His American Experiences With a Fiat Denial of "Wireless" Interview-Finds Baron Rosen Waiting at the Dock-Slave Greet Him There With Bread and Salt -Mob Almost Takes Him Off His Feet -Driven to the St. Regis and Passes Under the Japanese Fing at Walderf.

Serge de Witte, as the members of his uite write his name, or plain Witte, as the world knows the great Russian, arrived resterday afternoon with his suite of nine on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse of the North German Lloyd Line. The senior member of the Russian peace commission got a lively reception from the moment the Kaiser reached Quarantine until he was comfortably in the Hotel St. Regis.

Thousands of people gathered at the steamship pier in Hoboken and cheered him in at least four languages; a delegation of enthusiastic Slavs gave him bread and salt to eat in the pier house, following an ancient Slavonic custom; newspaper reporters swarmed around him like every reporter a Gatling gun of questions: he got lost from the members of his suite at the pier, and his electric hansom, in which he was riding with his colleague, Baron de Rosen, broke down on the tway to the St. Regis. Through all these excitements and annoy-

ances he was imperturbable. Nothing appeared to bother him, nothing seemed to wear on his a miability, but his face wore an expression of relief when Baron de Rosen secorted him into the big hotel at Fifth evenue and Fifty-fourth street, where the Russians are making their headquarters. DENIES THAT WIRELESS INTERVIEW. The very first words the envoy uttered when the reporters met the Kaiser at Quar-

vesterday morning, widely copied by evening papers and sent broadcast over the country. The alleged interview, sent by a wireless correspondent on board ship, put these words in Mr. Witte's mouth: "I am afraid the negotiations will be

antine was an emphatic refutation of an

interview printed by a local newspaper

ended within a week, as the Japanese conditions will be so intolerable as not to admit of discussion." Mr. Witte does not speak English fluently, but through Prof. Martens and Ivan Korostovetz of the Russian Foreign Office, members of his suite, he declared that there was absolutely no truth in the so called interview, and that he had stated neither for publication nor privately anything

which could be construed into such an utterance. It may be true, as so of the suite believe, that Mr. Witte is not optimistic as to the result of the forthcoming conference at Portsmouth, Me., with the Baron Komura and Minister Takahira, the Japanese envoys, but it would be the height of absurdity, they declared, o believe that a diplomat accredited on such a mission would forget himself sufficiently to utter words not merely undiplo-

matic but absolutely senseless. "I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE CONFERENCE." "I have not discussed the coming peace conference or its possibilities in any way," said Mr. Witte. "I am exceedingly sorry that so baseless a report was given out to

the American people. The correspondent who gave out the state nent, after Mr. Witte's sharp denial said that the envoy had made the statement to him in private conversation, although, said the correspondent, there was no und standing between him and Mr. Witte that the substance of the statement was not to be given to the public. When this was told Mr. Witte he asked Mr. Korostovetz to say to the newspaper men that not even in private

"his Excellency remarked that perhap there was less hope of a favorable termina-tion of the conference than he would desire certainly he said nothing more than that How could he? He does not yet know what the Japanese terms are, and no diplo mat will discuss terms or conditions of which he has not been informed."

"In all probability," said Mr. Korostovets

When the reporters asked Mr. Witte for an interview he handed Prof. de Martens an address to the American people which he said was the only statement regarding the peace conference he felt free to make.

Mr. Witte's Statement.

"For the friendly greeting of the American newspapers on my first visit to the hospitable shores of the United States I offer my heartfelt thanks. This kind at tention touches me all the more profoundly in that I realize the vastness of the power wielded by the press of the United States and admire the keen intelligence with which it is uniformly directed. I am glad to be able to add that I also appreciate the ethical worth of the aims for the attainment of which that power is so often and so suc-

cessfully employed. "One of the noblest of these aims is the establishment of peace and friendship among nations, and it is to the praiseworthy efforts of the people of the United States in this direction that my visit to the New World is attributable. For it is in compliance with the American people's desire for peace, of which President Roosevelt was the authorized exponent, that his Majesty the Czar has empowered me to cor hither and ascertain the conditions which our gallant adversary deems necessary and adequate as a basis for peace nego

tiations. PLEASANT WORDS FOR SAPAN

"I need hardly point out that it is my ardent desire that the two chivalrous fo who first became acquainted on the field of battle may have found in each other's sterling qualities motives powerful enough to cultivate that acquaintanceship until